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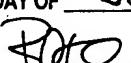
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This is in response to the Office Communication mailed May 27, 2004, in which the Examiner imposed a four-way restriction on the above-identified application. Claims 1-126 were identified as a first invention (Invention I) drawn to a cord printer and method; claims 127-129 were identified as a second invention (Invention II) drawn to a method of aligning print head elements; claims 130-135 were identified as a third invention (Invention III) drawn to a method of monitoring a print supply; and claims 136-141 were identified as a fourth invention (Invention IV) drawn to encrypting and decrypting supply.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute claims 1-126 of Invention I.

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